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| <i>Application Number</i> | 09/780,804 |
| <i>Filing Date</i> | February 9, 2001 |
| <i>First Named Inventor</i> | David L. GOODALE, et al. |
| <i>Art Unit</i> | 1743 |
| <i>Examiner Name</i> | Dwayne K. Handy |
| <i>Attorney Docket Number</i> | 81841.0183 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

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 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
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 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
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- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
David L. GOODALE, et al.
Serial No.: 09/780,804
Confirmation No.: 8653
Filed: February 9, 2001
For: LATCH SYSTEM AND MODIFIED
BLADE DESIGN FOR THICK
STOPPER-CLOSED CONTAINER
SAMPLING PIERCING STATION

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated April 5, 2005 and Final Office Action dated December 14, 2004, and in conjunction with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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Examiner: Dwayne K. Handy

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